

Pass-Through Assistance Program (PTAP)

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is PTAP? What does it do?

The Pass-Through Assistance Program (PTAP) was created as an Issuer assistance program to help Issuers meet their principal and interest (P&I) pass-through obligations to Investors. Through application, Issuers may request assistance on a monthly basis to assist with the temporary financial impacts of COVID-19.

How do I apply for PTAP relief from Ginnie Mae?

An Issuer must apply for PTAP relief from Ginnie Mae. The initial application includes the completion and submission of two forms to Ginnie Mae: *Master Supervisory Agreement* and *Request and Repayment Agreement*, along with requested supporting documentation. Please note the correct Appendices depends on the Program Type the Issuer participates in. Using the incorrect form or submission of incomplete data will delay and may force the decline of current relief assistance.

Do I have to repay PTAP funds?

PTAP is an assistance program offered by Ginnie Mae to its approved Issuers. The relief funds approved and provided to Issuers must be repaid, along with accrued interest amounts, in full within the stated maturity date of each *Request and Repayment Agreement*.

What forms are required as part of my initial application?

An Issuer's initial application for PTAP shall include both the *Master Supervisory Agreement* and *Request and Repayment Agreement*. For future month applications for PTAP, only the *Request and Repayment Agreement* must be completed.

What information should I complete on the Request and Repayment Agreement?

All data must be completed within the *Request and Repayment Agreement* (please note the correct form for use depending upon Program Type). Issuer information, Month/Year of request, Interest Rate, and Tables 1-2 must be completed by the Issuer prior to submission. Table 1A and Table 1B should be completed within an Excel/csv file format and submitted along with the *Request and Repayment Agreement*.

Can I include historical loan delinquency amounts in my current PTAP request?

Prior period delinquencies cannot be included within PTAP requests. PTAP relief is only available for loans on which the last payment due has not been collected as of the date assistance is requested

What is the interest rate for PTAP? Where Do I find this?

The interest rate applied to PTAP funding will be determined monthly and posted on the official Ginnie Mae website on the 2nd business day.

How is the interest calculated on my PTAP relief funds?

The PTAP interest rate will be a fixed rate over the term of the *Request and Repayment Agreement* for all Issuers who apply during that month. The calculation for interest accrual is contained in the *Master Supervisory Agreement*.

Will a request under PTAP affect an Issuer's ability to conduct other business with Ginnie Mae, such as request commitment authority, process transfers of servicing, change sub-servicers or document custodians?

Issuer participation within PTAP will not by itself impact or restrict other business activities with Ginnie Mae. Issuers are reminded of their requirement to comply with all other MBS Guide and program requirements during PTAP and always.

Can loans in the process of securitization be pooled should the borrower elect to enter a period of forbearance pursuant to the CARES Act?

Loan eligibility for pooling has not been altered by PTAP or the CARES ACT. If the loan is insured or confirmed insurable by the applicable insuring agency, and meets the pay status and other requirements of the Guide, the loan remains eligible for Ginnie Mae pooling and securitization.

Please clarify the expectation of Ginnie Mae that prior to requesting PTAP assistance the issuer has exhausted all funding options to cover anticipated principal and interest payments to investors?

Because PTAP assistance represents an outlay of taxpayer funds, Issuers should explore and exhaust all available financing options available prior to requesting PTAP relief. Ginnie Mae recognizes that projections and judgments are involved in an Issuer's decision about seeking PTAP funding. Issuers should take care to provide a thorough explanation of the circumstances and considerations in the required PTAP application statement

Will Ginnie Mae be offering compliance relief on current MBS Guide delinquency ratios?

Ginnie Mae is currently reviewing this option. Additional information will be released in the near future.

Does Ginnie Mae expect to offer relief for final pool certification and/or pool recertification timelines and Guide requirements?

Ginnie Mae will be reviewing the impacts of COVID-19 on both final certification and recertification requirements. At this time, there are no changes to the certification guidelines listed in the Ginnie Mae MBS Guide.

How long will PTAP be offered by Ginnie Mae?

Although the *Master Supervisory Agreement* currently provides for a sunset date for PTAP assistance of July 30, 2021, the duration of the C-19 program may be adjusted as circumstances require.

Where can I find additional information?

All formal guidance can be located within Chapter 34 Part 2, Section F of the Ginnie Mae MBS Guide. PTAP application forms are program-specific and are also be located within the Ginnie Mae MBS Guide. Please continue to monitor Ginnie Mae's website for applicable interest rates and updates to PTAP as they become available.